

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-18 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected claims 7-8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4, 7 and 10, and claims 1 and 4-6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Shun-Yi (U.S. Patent No. 5,495,671, "Shun-Yi"), and Murphy (U.S. Patent No. 3,408,889, "Murphy"), respectively. The Examiner has also rejected claims 8-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shun-Yi.

With respect to the rejection of claims 7-8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, claim 7 has been amended to assure their compliance with 35 USC §112, second paragraph, and avoid any of the definiteness issues raised by the Examiner. The rejection therefore is no longer applicable and accordingly should be withdrawn.

With respect to the rejection of claims 1, 4, 7 and 10, and claims 1 and 4-6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Shun-Yi and Murphy, respectively, claim 1 has been amended. Applicant respectfully submits that there is no teaching, suggestion or motivation within the prior art as the combination of features recited in Applicant's claims. Claim 1 recites:

1. A knife holder traverser for a corner cutting device, comprising:
a bulk body;
a knife holder traverser pivotally and rotatably connected to the bulk body, wherein the knife holder traverser is operative to carry at least two cutleries; and
a positioning member interfaced between the bulk body and the knife holder traverser, wherein the positioning member allows the knife holder traverser oriented along different directions to perform different corner cutting of a paper material.

(Emphasis added)

Focusing on "allows the knife holder traverser oriented along different directions to perform different corner cutting of a paper material" as asserted in independent claim 1. Shun-Yi

discloses a paper punch device for forming a selectively-shaped paper cutout. "[T]he cutting means 8 and the punching means 8 are both spring-biased and proximally disposed, as shown, in alignment with one another, such that when the user punches the punching means downward, the cutting means 8 will, in turn, be actuated downward to cut out of color paper 35 a selectively-shaped color paper cutout 24 (as shown in FIG. 5)." (column 2, lines 6-12 of Shun-Yi). Comparing to Shun-Yi, the present invention provides a knife holder traverser of a corner cutting device. When a card is placed on a platform, by rotating the knife holder traverser to change the cutlery with different orientation, the corner of the card can be chamfered or beveled by changing rotating.

Moreover, focusing on "a knife holder traverser pivotally and rotatably connected to the bulk body" as asserted in independent claim 1. Murphy discloses a device for piercing the cardboard or similar backing plate for a file of documents. "[A] punch holder 60 is attached to the top plate 21 by screws 61 and a retaining plate 62 is cut out as at 63 and attached by any suitable means to a plate 64 which is slotted as at 65 and 66 transversely and is also slotted as at 67 and 68 with V-shaped slots as shown in FIGURE 4." (column 2, lines 26-30 of Murphy). Neither the top plate 21 nor the punch holder 60 is rotatable.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's 102 rejections. As stated in MPEP §2131:

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. Of California*, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the...claim. *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

(Emphases added).

Furthermore, the Examiner has rejected claims 8-9 as being unpatentable over Shun-Yi. Applicant disagrees. It is submitted that these claims are patentably distinguishable over the cited

reference for similar reasons as given above. As noted above, the reference of Shun-Yi does not teach a knife holder traverser of a corner cutting device to perform different corner cutting of a paper material. In addition, no suggestion or motivation to establish obviousness by combining or modifying the teachings either in the references cited by the Examiner.

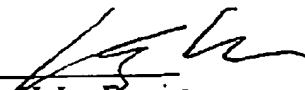
Applicants respectfully submit that the features of claims 8-9 would not be obvious to one skilled in the art.

Finally, the new added claims 11-18 contain further limitations with respect to claim 1. Neither Shun-Yi nor Murphy anticipates or teaches these claims.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no teaching, suggestion or motivation within the prior art to combine the prior art as the combination of features recited in Applicant's claims.

If the Examiner believes that a further telephonic interview will facilitate allowance of the claims, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (610) 446-5886. For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully assert that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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